

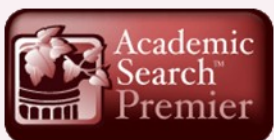


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Based on mutual respect and shared values, the U.S. Mission works with Indonesia to strengthen democracy, sustain the environment, promote prosperity, enhance understanding and ensure security for our people, our nations, and our region.

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DEMOCRACY AND GLOBAL ISSUES

1. Dessoiff, Alan. **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS: INDONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES** (International Educator. Washington: May/Jun 2011. Vol. 20, Iss. 3; pg. 32, 8 pgs).

While the number of Indonesian students in the United States experienced a steady growth in the 1980s and 1990s, peaking at 13,282 students in 1997-1998, it fell to a low of 6,943 in 2009-2010, according to the Institute of International Education (IIE)'s Open Doors: Among other activities, it offers grants to Harvard students to support independent research or other forms of study in Indonesia; invites high-caliber Indonesian researchers, academics, and practitioners to apply for fellowships to pursue independent research at the Kennedy School; and develops custom executive education programs for senior Indonesian policymakers and leaders that are delivered at the school and in Indonesia.

2. Hirsh, Michael. **OBAMA TRIES 'NATION-BUILDING' IN EGYPT** (National Journal. Washington: Feb 17, 2011).

At the White House, the working group on democratic transition is overseen by Michael McFaul, a senior director of the National Security Council and a former Stanford scholar who has long studied democratic transitions. Together, these academics and officials are poring over a whole range of historical precedents for success-

ful transition, including Indonesia in the late '90s; the liberation of the former Soviet bloc nations in the late stages of the Cold War; the emergence of democratic Turkey; the anti-apartheid campaign in South Africa; the "People Power" toppling of Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines in 1986; and the ouster of South Korea's military dictatorship in the 1980s. Available at <http://goo.gl/wpgrR>

3. Lomborg, Bjorn **BJORN LOMBORG EXPLAINS HOW TO SAVE PLANET** (Newsweek, June 12, 2011)

Climate alarmists and campaigning environmentalists argue that the industrialized countries of the world have made sizable withdrawals on nature's fixed allowance, and unless we change our ways, and soon, we are doomed to an abrupt end. Take the recent proclamation from the UN Environment Program, which argued that governments should dramatically cut back on the use of resources. Our current way of living is selfish and unsustainable. We are wrecking the world. We are gobbling up the last resources. We are cutting down the rainforest. We are polluting the water and the air. In other words, humanity is doomed. Available at <http://goo.gl/dvvjS>

ECONOMIC SECURITY

4. Clinton, Bill. **14 WAYS TO PUT AMERICA BACK TO WORK** (Newsweek, June 27, 2011)

Fourteen million Americans remain out of work, a waste of our greatest resource. The 42nd President has more than a dozen ideas on how to attack the jobs crisis. In Chicago, the Clinton Global Initiative that focus on America for the first time, inviting business and political leaders to make specific commitments in support of the former president's jobs blueprint, which he details as 14 ways to put America back to work. Currently available at <http://goo.gl/MPCzr>

5. Spence, Michael **GLOBALIZATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT: THE DOWNSIDE OF INTEGRATED** (Foreign Affairs, June 2, 2011)

Globalization is the process by which markets integrate worldwide. Over the past 60 years, it has accelerated steadily as new technologies and management expertise have reduced transportation and transaction costs and as tariffs and other man-made barriers to international trade have been lowered. The impact has been stunning. More and more developing countries have been experiencing sustained growth rates of 7-10 percent; 13 countries, including China, have grown by more than 7 percent per year for 25 years or more. Although this was

unclear at the outset, the world now finds itself just past the midpoint in a century-long process in which income levels in developing countries have been converging toward those in developed countries. Now, the emerging economies' impact on the global economy and the advanced economies is rising rapidly. Spence, a Nobel Prize-winning economist writes that economic growth and employment in the United States have started to diverge, increasing income inequality and reducing jobs for less-educated workers.



USA Economy in Brief

This is mini-publication discusses the factors that make the U.S. economy the world's most productive, competitive, and influential. Overview of updated USA Economy in Brief: Replete with graphs and sidebars, the updated booklet features, A Brief History, from a farm economy to an industrial economy to a services economy; Ever More Challenges, the state of the U.S. economy - uncertainly and hope; What the U.S. Economy Produces, agriculture, manufacturing, finance; Competition, small businesses, bankruptcy laws, mergers, antitrust; Government Role, regulation of economy, deregulation, reregulation, labor laws; International Interdependence; and Great Recession and Beyond. Available online at <http://goo.gl/XPMWY>

U.S. SOCIETY & VALUES

6. Nichols, Russell and Holeywell, Ryan. **SIX IDEAS FOR FIXING THE NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS** (Governing, June 2011).

By most accounts, transportation infrastructure in the United States is in serious disrepair. As roads and bridges across the country continue to age and deteriorate, governments at all levels are struggling to pay for maintenance and upkeep. Since the federal Highway Trust Fund was established in the late 1950s, total combined highway and transit spending as a share of gross domestic product has fallen by about 25 percent. With Congress debating reauthorization of the transportation bill this summer, and with states and localities looking for their own solutions, here are six ideas for fixing the nation's infrastructure system -- how to plan it, how to fund it and how to make it safer and more efficient than ever. Currently available at <http://goo.gl/cj2c0>

7. **THE FP TWITTERATI 100** (Foreign Policy, June 20, 2011)

These days, everyone from the Dalai Lama to Bill Gates is on Twitter, the micro blogging platform founded in 2006. During breaking news events like the death of Osama bin Laden or for following the Arab uprisings, it's become an invaluable tool for keeping up to speed. But for many, it's still just another place to promote their own

work, rather than engaging in a more natural give-and-take. So how do you tell who's really worth following? Here are 100 Twitter users from around the world who will make you smarter, infuriate you, and delight you, 140 characters at a time. Available at <http://goo.gl/EJYg4>

eJournal USA: Peace Corps — 50 Years of Promoting Friendship

During the 1960 presidential campaign, candidate John F. Kennedy asked a group of U.S. college students, "How many of you who are going to be doctors are willing to spend your days in Ghana? Technicians or engineers, how many of you are willing to work in the Foreign Service and spend your lives traveling around the world?" Within months of taking office in 1961, Kennedy signed an executive order establishing the Peace Corps.

Since then, more than 200,000 Americans have responded to Kennedy's challenge by serving as Peace Corps volunteers, helping people in 139 countries to raise fish and farm animals, learn English, and build basic water systems. In the process of helping others, these Americans have learned about the world and brought their enhanced understanding of other countries and cultures back to the United States.

In this issue of eJournal USA, we mark the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps with narratives written by past volunteers and we glimpse the future of the Peace Corps in an essay by current Peace Corps Director Aaron S. Williams. Read more: <http://goo.gl/U3TBT>

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Academic Search Premier : Provides full text for more than 8,500 journals - an excellent resource for researchers of all kinds.

Business and Management

Business Source Premier: Provides full text for more than 2,300 journals with coverage of all major disciplines of business, including marketing, management, information systems, accounting, finance and economics.

Regional Business News: Regional Business News incorporates coverage of more than 80 regional business publications covering all

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Current Events and Global Topics

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Global Issues in Context: It offers international viewpoints on a wide variety of global issues, topics, and current events.

CQ Global Researcher : It reports cover the most current and controversial global issues of the day, from 1923 to the present.

GREENR: Global Reference on Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources - centers around issues covering energy systems, health care, agriculture, climate change, population, and economic development.

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